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SUBJ: SMC OPPOSES LIFTING RHODESIAN SANCTIONS

1. SEPT 27 STATEMENT BY SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) URGING PRESSURE BE KEPT UP ON SMITH WAS FRONTPAGED IN GHANAIAN TIMES AND DAILY GRAPHIC FOLLOWING DAY. TEXT OF STATEMENT NOT AVAILABLE BUT GIST IS THAT GOG "TAKES VIEW THAT LIFTING OF SANCTIONS COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SHOULD CEASE TO APPLY AND SOVEREIGNTY IN THE TERRITORY REVERTED TO THE ADMINISTERING POWER OR POSSIBLY THE UNITED NATIONS AS TRUSTEES, DURING A BRIEF PERIOD OF TRANSITION TO FULL MAJORITY RULE." STATEMENT CONCLUDES THAT "UNTIL THESE CONDITIONS ARE MET, SMC WILL CONTINUE TO COMMIT ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE." STATEMENT ALSO WELCOMES EFFORT OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE TO FIND SOLUTION TO RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

2. COMMENT: SMC IS FOND OF DELIVERING ITSELF OF WEIGHTY OPINIONS ON ISSUES LIKE RHODESIA WHERE ITS CAPACITY OF INFLUENCE EVENTS IS NIL. LATEST UTTERANCE IS PAR FOR THE COURSE.
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